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UUM see tough fights in defending titles

UNIVERSITI Utara Malaysia chief coach Wan Rosni Wan Chik has downplayed UUM's chances of repeating their complete domination at the Higher Education Ministry Chief Secretary's Cup at Rahman Putra Golf and Country Club on May 8-11.

Wan Rosni, who is also head coach of the National Golf Academy, said UUM's golfers are well prepared for the tournament but expect a tougher fight this year.

UUM took the men's and women's individual titles through Mohd Wafiyuddin Abdul Manaf and Hilferah Tan and also won the men's and women's team events to be crowned overall champions last year.

"Our players are fine-tuning their respective games with matchplay situations now in addition to the 20-plus hours they put into training weekly," said Rosni.

"Our aim is obviously to defend our titles but it will not be easy. We definitely need to be on top of our game to do it.

"Besides us, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Nilai Universiti, International Islamic Universiti Malaysia and Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia have strong players and are fast improving as well."

Mohd Wafiyuddin has been in impressive form since winning the event last year and is expected to retain his individual title next week.

In addition to the winning Chief Secretary's Cup, he also won the Malaysian leg of the Nick Faldo Series, Malacca Amateur Open, and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Golf Challenge last year.

The tournament, which is in its third edition, is expected to attract over 90 golfers from various universities across the nation. **By Fadhli Ishak**